

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-10 (cancelled).

Claim 11: A composition comprising:

- a) an extract of leaves of a *Castanea sativa* plant; and
- b) cosmetic auxiliaries and/or additives.

Claim 12: The composition of claim 11, wherein, the cosmetic auxiliaries and/or additives comprise at least one member selected from the group consisting of oily bodies, surfactants, emulsifiers, fats, waxes, pearlescent waxes, bodying agents, thickeners, superfatting agents, stabilizers, polymers, silicone compounds, lecithins, phospholipids, biogenic active ingredients, deodorants, antimicrobial agents, antiperspirants, film formers, antidandruff agents, swelling agents, insect repellents, hydrotropes, solubilizers, preservatives, perfume oils and dyes.

Claim 13: The composition of claim 11, wherein, the concentration of the extract in the composition is 0.001 weight-% to 10 weight-% based on the composition.

Claim 14: The composition of claim 11, wherein, the extract is obtained by a method comprising:

- a) extracting the leaves of the *Castanea sativa* plant with a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, alcohol and mixtures thereof to form a solution of the extract in the solvent; and
- b) removing the solvent from the solution, to recover the extract.

Claim 15: A method for cosmetic treatment of the human body which comprises

applying to the surface of the human body an extract of the leaves of the *Castanea sativa* plant or the composition according to claim 11.

Claim 16: The method of claim 15, wherein, the cosmetic treatment comprises an anti-ageing effect.

Claim 17: The method of claim 15, wherein, the cosmetic treatment comprises the protection of human skin cells against UV-radiation.

Claim 18: The method of claim 15, wherein the cosmetic treatment comprises at least one effect selected from the group consisting of anti-inflammatory effect, anti-itching effect, appeasing effect, anti-free-radical effect and anti-protease effect, with the proviso that the effect is not an anti-matrix-metalloprotease-effect, or an anti-lipoxygenase effect.

Claim 19: The method of claim 15, wherein, the cosmetic treatment comprises a whitening effect or a lightening effect.

Claim 20: A method of preparing a cosmetic composition which comprises mixing an extract of the leaves of the *Castanea sativa* plant with a cosmetic auxilliary and additive composition whereby a cosmetic composition is formed.

Claim 21: The composition of claim 12, wherein, the concentration of the extract in the composition is 0.001 weight-% to 10 weight-% based on the composition.

Claim 22: The composition of claim 12, wherein, the extract is obtained by the method comprising:

- a) extracting the leaves of the *Castanea sativa* plant with a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, alcohol and mixtures thereof to form a solution of the extract in the solvent; and
- b) removing the solvent from the solution, to recover the extract.

Claim 23: A composition of claim 22, wherein, the concentration of the extract in the composition is 0.001 weight % to 10 weight % based on the composition.

Claim 24: A method for cosmetic treatment of the human body which comprises applying to the surface of the human body the composition according to claim 12.

Claim 25: A method for cosmetic treatment of the human body which comprises applying to the surface of the human body the composition according to claim 13.

Claim 26: A method for cosmetic treatment of the human body which comprises applying to the surface of the human body the composition according to claim 14.

Claim 27: A method of preparing a cosmetic composition of claim 20 which comprises mixing an extract of the leaves of the *Castanea sativa* plant with a cosmetic auxiliary and additive composition comprising at least one member selected from the group consisting of oily bodies, surfactants, emulsifiers, fats, waxes, pearlescent waxes, bodying agents, thickeners, superfatting agents, stabilizers, polymers, silicone compounds, lecithins, phospholipids, biogenic active ingredients, deodorants, antimicrobial agents, antiperspirants, film formers, antidandruff agents, swelling agents, insect repellents, hydrotropes, solubilizers, preservatives, perfume oils and dyes whereby a cosmetic composition is formed.

Claim 28: A method of preparing a cosmetic composition of claim 27 which comprises mixing an extract of the leaves of the *Castanea sativa* plant in an amount of from 0.001 weight % to 10 weight % based on the weight of the composition with a cosmetic auxiliary and additive composition whereby a cosmetic composition is formed.

Claim 29: A method of preparing a cosmetic composition of claim 28 wherein the extract is obtained by a method comprising:

- a) extracting the leaves of the *Castanea sativa* plant with a solvent selected from the group consisting of water, alcohol and mixtures thereof to form a solution of the extract in the solvent; and
- b) removing the solvent from the solution, to recover the extract.